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September 17, 2008

The Honorable Harry M. Reid
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable John Boehner
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Majority Leader Reid, Speaker Pelosi, Minority Leader McConnell, and Congressman Boehner:

As Governors of states that understand the importance of American manufacturing, we urge that you include funding in legislation this year to bring advanced vehicle technologies to the marketplace as quickly as possible. Doing so will help create green jobs, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and move our country toward energy independence. Additionally, we as governors see firsthand the impact of high fuel prices on our citizens, and therefore request that the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Incentive Program (ATVMI) authorized in the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 be activated and fully funded in legislation this year.


As you know, fully funding the ATVMI would guarantee up to \$25 billion in low interest credit to U.S. automakers and parts suppliers so that they can retool existing plants. These loans would help support the automakers' efforts to retool to produce more fuel efficient and advanced technology vehicles including hybrids, plug-in hybrids, advanced direct injection gasoline, advanced diesel and fuel cell vehicles or their component parts. Retooling will provide jobs for American workers by ensuring that the vehicles of the future are made in the United States. In addition, we also request that \$250 million in funding be provided for advanced battery research, the amount contained in the final budget resolution.

It is imperative that the federal government make these critical investments in advanced vehicles and battery research to create jobs, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and increase our nation's energy independence. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

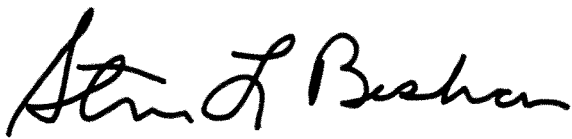
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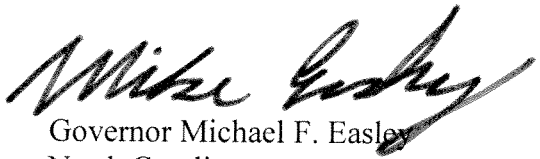
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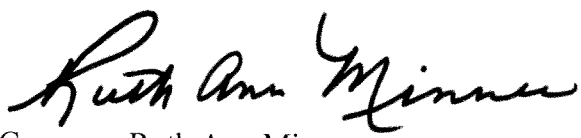
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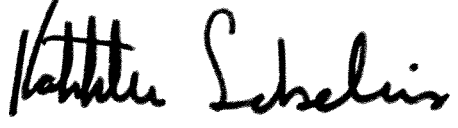
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